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For: RECORDING HEAD AND INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. Х No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below: OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY SMALL ENTITY (COL. 2) (COL. 3) (COL. 1) OR Additional Fee Highest No. Previously Paid For Additional Fee Rate Claims Remaining After Amendment 0 0 9 18 10 10 Minus Total 0 2 0 42 84 2 ŝ Indep. Minus 0 280 + 140 \$ First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims 0 OR Total If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write '0' in Col. 3.

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AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.